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State Barbecue Champion Named at the Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival

COLUMBIA– The 6th annual Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival named a new State Barbecue Champion on Saturday, March 25. The South Carolina Department of Agriculture hosted this competition at the State Farmers Market, where 41 teams competed for the Grand Champion title in Boston Butts and pork rib categories.

2017 Winners and awards:

Grand Champion (\$600): Killer B's BBQ – Jim Burg, Evans, GA

Reserve Champion (\$300): Doko Smoke – Tony Crout, Blythewood, SC

Boston Butts:

1st Place (\$1000): On the Spot BBQ – Ronnie Bishop, Greenwood, SC

2nd Place: (\$600) Smoke by Day, Fire by Night – Jim Bennett, Rock Hill, SC

3rd Place (\$300): Blowin' Smoke LLC-Robert Morris, Columbia, SC

Pork Ribs:

1st Place (\$1000): Killer B's BBQ – Jim Burg, Evans, GA

2nd Place (\$600): Backdraft BBQ – Eric Carpenter, Ladsen, SC

3rd Place (\$300): Bold Branch BBQ Boys – Joe Hilliard, Anderson, SC

Peoples' Choice Award: Steel Smok'n Smokerz – Ray LaBounty, Columbia, SC

Kids 'Que Grand Champion: Allie Livingston

Kids 'Que Reserve Champion: Bella and Courtney Bastin

In addition to a cash prize, winners in all categories of the Commissioner's Cup received trophies. The cook-off was sanctioned by the Southern Barbecue Network. For more information on next year's cook-off, contact Elizabeth Wood at ewood@scda.sc.gov or 803-734-0328.

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Killer B's BBQ of Evans, GA took home the Grand Champion title from the 2017 Commissioner's Cup BBQ Cook-off and Festival.